

The New Ofsted Framework 2020

Briefing for Chairs and Vice-Chairs
September 2020

A different type of visit for Autumn Term

- Ofsted will focus on carrying out visits, not inspections.
- The visits will be based around a series of professional conversations with senior and middle leaders.
- Ofsted will continue to make section 8 emergency inspections as and when required. These are in response to serious concerns, such as safeguarding.

During these visits, Ofsted will focus on:

- Identifying the barriers schools have faced and are still facing in managing the return to full education for pupils
- How leaders are managing the existing or adapted curriculum, together with how schools have a 'blended' curriculum (on-site/virtual learning)
- How pupils are settling back into expected routines and behaviours
- How any identified and specific health and well-being issues for particular pupils are being addressed and what may be needed at local and/or national level to support this
- Safeguarding

These visits are **NOT** inspections

They will NOT:

- Use the education inspection framework and school inspection handbook
- Result in any grade or progress judgement – there will be a brief letter after a visit containing information about next steps in managing the return to full-time education for their pupils
- Judge schools on their response to COVID-19 during the spring and summer terms 2020
- Require any pre-written planning or other documentation for the visit - the lead inspector will make a simple phone call to discuss the logistics of the visit
- Use lesson visits as a method of collecting evidence
- Involve a general review of a school's policies

Further details...

- These will take place from September 2020
- Pilot visits are being carried out at the moment (Saracens in Barnet volunteered)
- Ofsted will give schools up to a day's notice of a visit
- Ofsted will visit all inadequate schools and a sample of schools across the other Ofsted grades
- They are likely to only visit RI schools if they have been consistently RI.
- We believe that they will visit 80 good schools and 40 outstanding schools across London

Support from the LNI Team

Autumn Term

Adapted school 'visits' in the autumn term

- The School Effectiveness Visit (SEV) for autumn term reflects the Ofsted approach.
- Visits will be either in person or virtual, depending on the activity and situation
- Report written, with input from leaders
- Outcomes should be shared with governors

Areas of focus similar to Ofsted – see above:

For example:

- the barriers the schools faced and still face in managing the return to full education for pupils
- how well pupils are learning the curriculum and how well are they settling back into school
- how well leaders are equipping staff to teach and support pupils within the current context

Covid Learning Recovery Training Package for Primary Schools

- More than 35 primary schools taking part – through BPSI
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- Designed by School Improvement Team (led by Paul Whitcombe)
- The focus is on the curriculum, teaching and learning and the well-being of children

Sessions include:

- Audit of children's starting points – including EYFS
- Strategic planning
- Blended curriculum
- Behaviour

Feedback so far is very positive

Additional Support

- Network meetings
- Extra 'catch up' meetings as needed
- Phone/virtual support for schools – 'readily available'
- Regular 'LNI Update'
- Liaison with other agencies to provide additional briefings – eg health forum with Barnet Public Health

Governor Training

- **Courses delivered online this term**

Points to Note:

- Governors will be sent a meeting link a few days ahead of their course.
- Virtual-Governance: C&VC Forum will focus on 'The Challenges of Virtual Governance and Maintaining Governor Engagement'... 'Curriculum Recovery'.
- Courses to be added include 'Role of the Parent Governor' (governance audit request)
- Our termly Video Briefing to be circulated by the end of the month.

Finally, please remember...

- By registering: Governors consent to their email addresses being held by BELS training consultants until the end of each session...
- At which point email addresses will be deleted
- **Registration via:** www.barnetce.org.uk/ > 'All Traded and Other Training' > 'Governor Services'.